MUET on Coursera – the MOOCs Platform

As you would be aware, MUET has started **Online Classes** from Monday 13th April 2020 (initially for Masters and PhD students).

To provide you with a high quality library of courseware and to mitigate the impact of coronavirus on our academic activities, MUET has joined Coursera under their COVID-19 Initiative.

Coursera is the premier online learning platform or Massive Open Online Courses (Coursera course). It brings courses from some of the best universities in the world (like Yale, Michigan, Stanford) and top industry organizations (like Google and IBM).

Coursera courses are generally 4-10 weeks long with 1-2 hours of video lectures/week. Courses also provide quizzes, assignments and final project/exam.

Programme membership is only for a limited time and limited number of licenses. Therefore, please get benefit from this amazing programme as quickly as possible.

You should receive an email inviting you to join the programme shortly. If you don't receive an invite, please follow this link to join - https://bit.ly/3eo1LCG-muet-coursera-invite.

You are strongly advised to take full benefit of this opportunity where you can access an amazing choice of 3800 curated courses and 400 Specializations.

- Introduction to Coursera video (duration: 1m)
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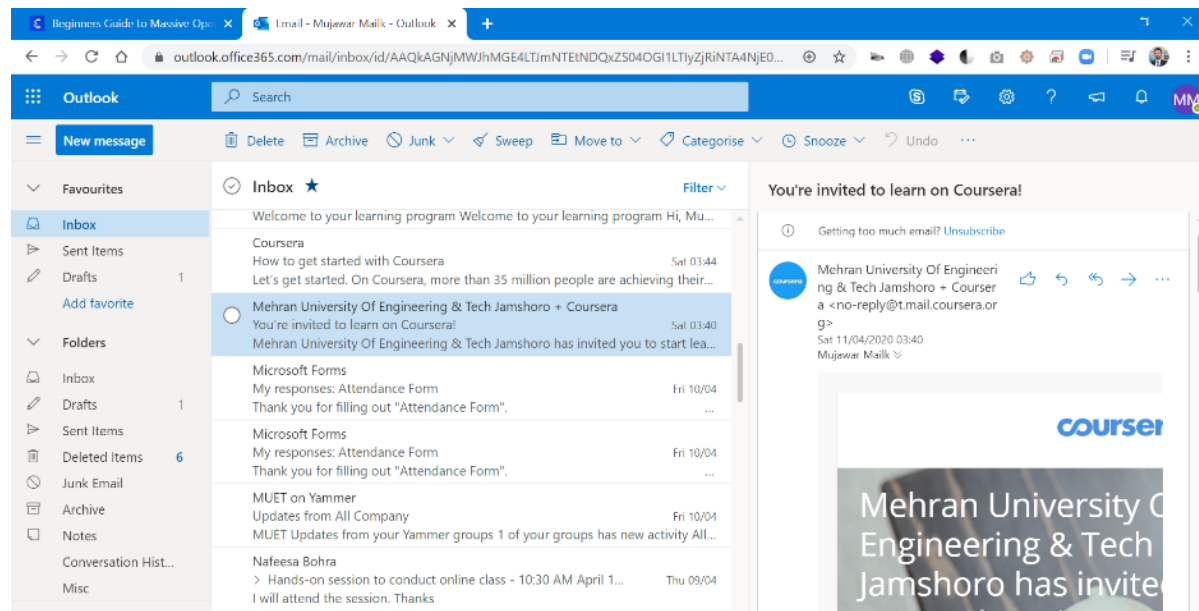
Good luck and enjoy learning!

How to Join?

MUET@Coursera will send you an invite email on your muet official email address. To avoid this email going into SPAM/TRASH folder, please add this address (no-reply@t.mail.coursera.org) in your contacts list.

If you haven't received an email, please check your emails in SPAM/TRASH folder.

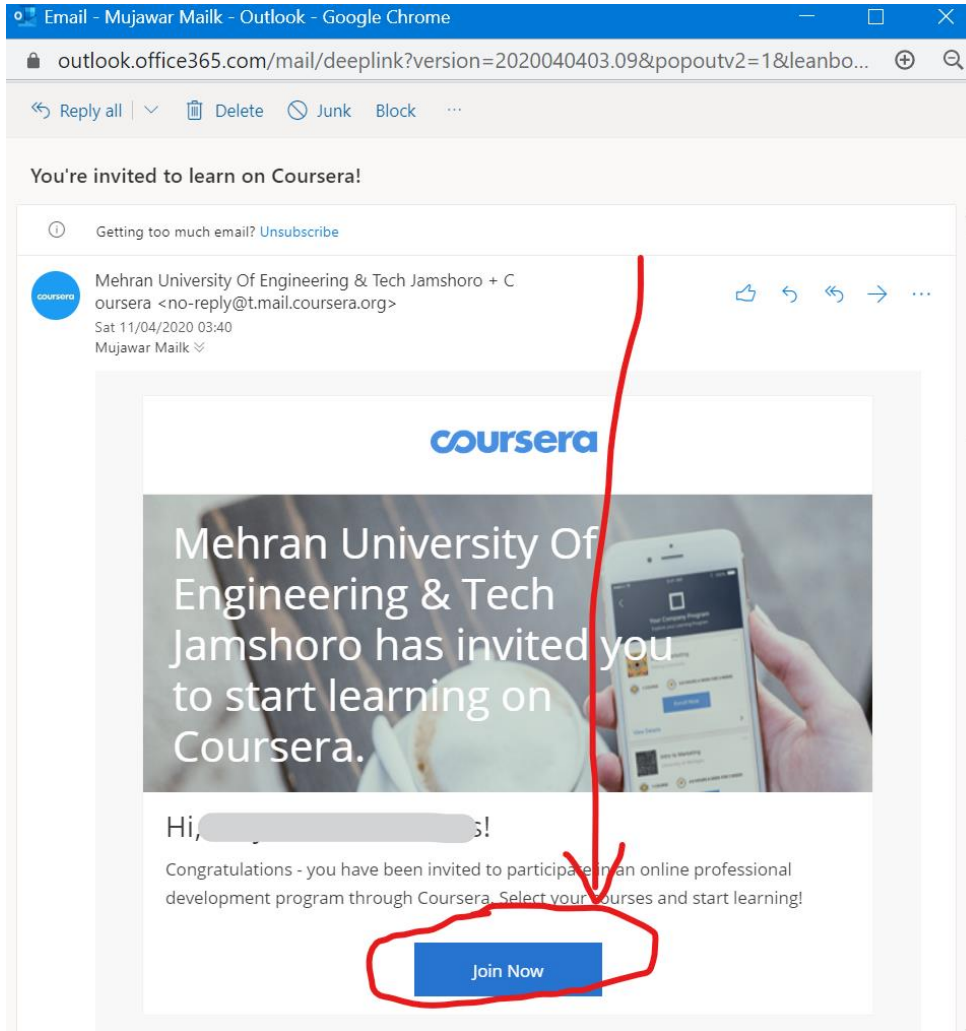If the email is still not there, contact us at Coursera Helpdesk (helpdesk.coursera@officials.muet.edu.pk).

If you have forgotten password for your muet official email or any issue regarding office365 ID, please contact our ICPC helpdesk at helpdesk@teacher.muet.edu.pk and they will be pleased to get you started.
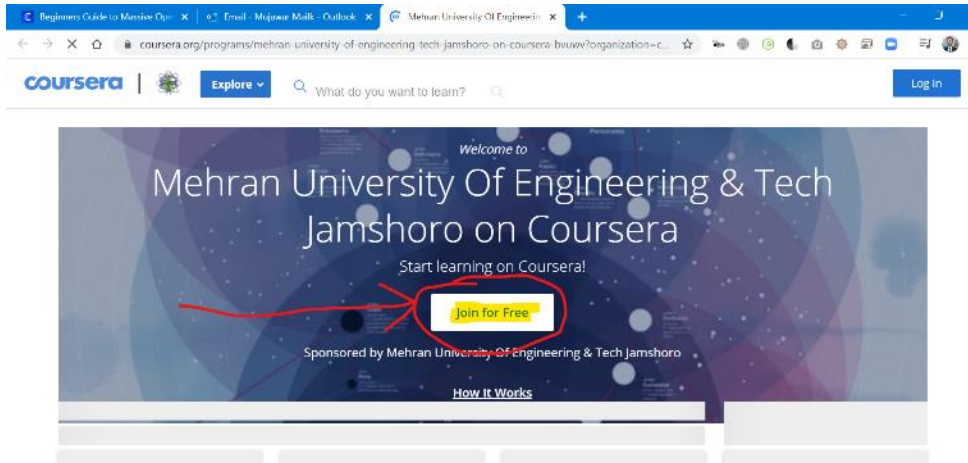
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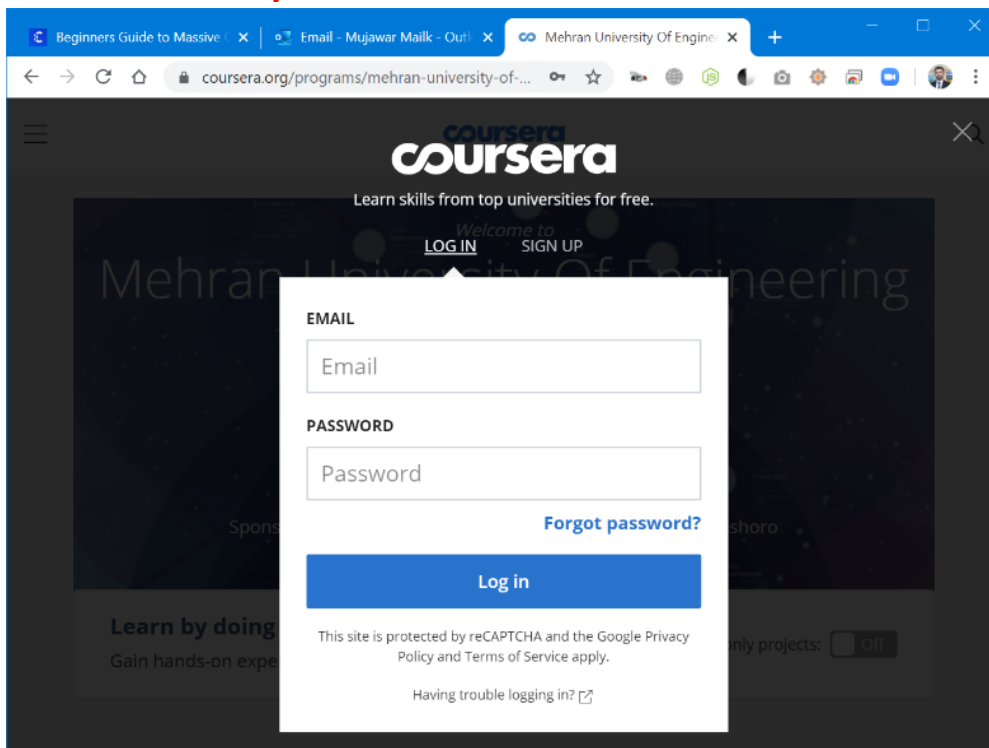
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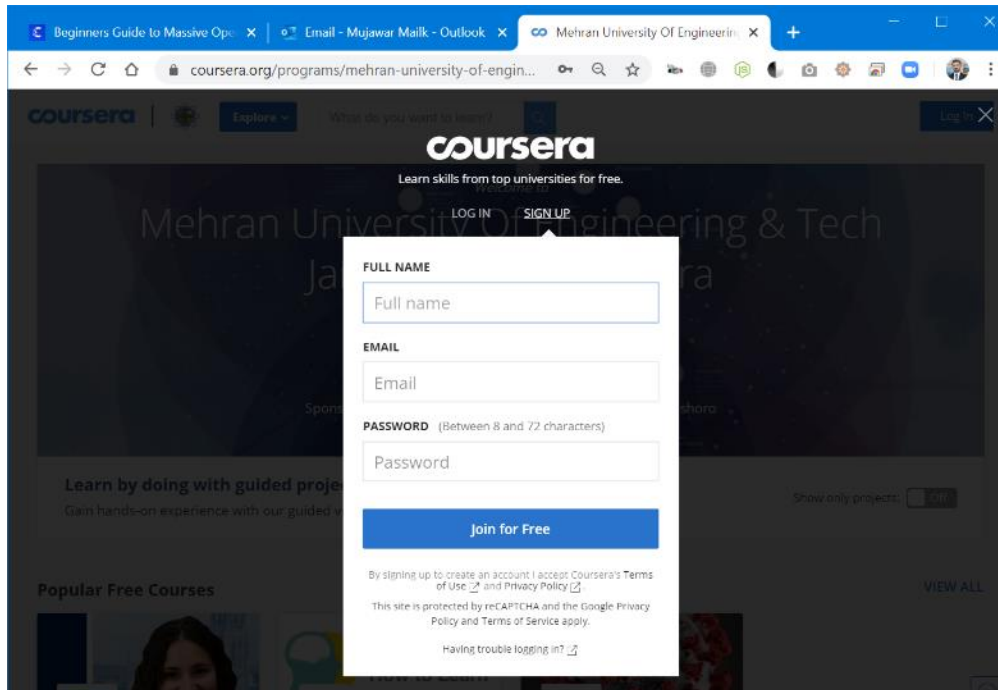
Then, click on the JOIN link in the browser window…

If you've already an account with Coursera, enter your login id and password other wise Sign-Up to get a new Coursera ID…
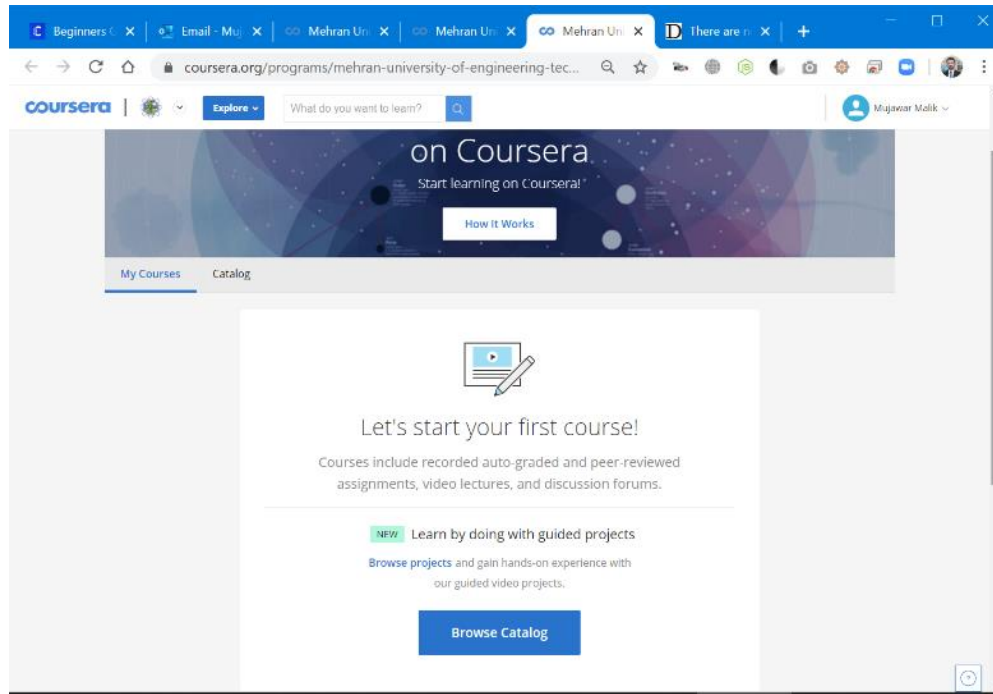
Those of you already with a Coursera account can just sign-in with your existing account and link your account with MUET invite.

If you haven't had a Coursera account before, please Sign-Up for a Coursera account which is really easy.

Once you have signed in, you will be prompted to start your first course. Browse the catalogue and enjoy an amazing collection of curated courses.

Good luck learning!

You can also Download Coursera mobile apps by the following links:

 https://go.coursera.org/rhdtzWQSgB_2

 https://go.coursera.org/J4jVJkk87_n3

Frequently Asked Questions

What to do if I need help

Please contact helpdesk.coursera@admin.muet.edu.pk if you have any query or need any help.

What are Coursera courses?

Coursera courses are courses delivered online and accessible to all, generally, for free. Some Coursera courses providers, such as Coursera, allow students to take the course freely but do not issue certificates/credits for completion (which they issue for a nominal fee).

Coursera course stands for Massive Open Online Course:

- **Massive** because enrolments are unlimited and can run into hundreds of thousands.
- **Open** because anyone can enrol — that is, there is no admission process.
- **Online** because they are delivered via the internet.
- **Course** because their goal is to teach a specific subject.

Coursera courses typically comprise video lessons, readings, assessments, and discussion forums.
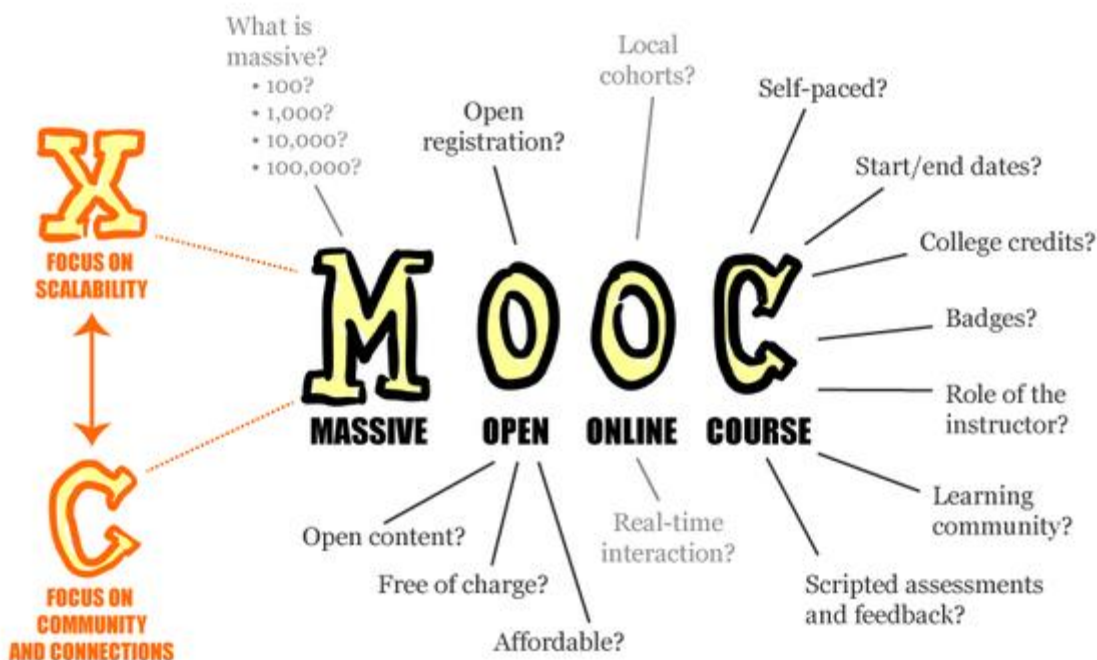

Figure 1 Courtesy Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:MOOC_poster_mathplourde.png

Who makes Coursera courses?

Most Coursera courses are made by universities. Some of the first and most active Coursera course makers were Stanford, MIT, and Harvard. Some Coursera courses are made by companies, such as Microsoft or Google, or by various organizations, such as IEEE or the Linux Foundation.

When do Coursera courses start?

Some Coursera courses can be started at any time. Others start at regular intervals — every few weeks or months. Some are seldom offered — sometimes reappearing after a year of absence. Finally, some stop being offered entirely.

Do Coursera courses have deadlines?

Some Coursera courses are self-paced — you progress through them as quickly or slowly as you want — while others run on a schedule:

- All the course material may not be available from day one. Instead, it's released in fragments week after week, forcing students to pace themselves.
- Assessments may have deadlines, preventing students from lagging behind.

However, even when they involve a schedule, Coursera courses remain flexible: you study when it suits you best, day or night.

How long to complete a Coursera course?

Coursera courses range in length from 1 to 16 weeks. Most provide an estimate of the weekly time commitment, although this may vary significantly from one student to another.

How are students tested in Coursera courses?

Coursera courses can include:

- **Auto-graded quizzes** — that is, quizzes that are automatically graded upon submission, such as multiple choice questions.

- **Peer-feedback assignments** — that is, assignments that are graded by other students according to a specific rubric.

Your performance on these assignments then determines your overall course grade.

Note that instructors don't grade students' work in Coursera courses.

Can I earn a certificate for finishing a Coursera course?

Generally Coursera course courses are free to take but Coursera course providers may charge you for issuing a certificate or credential. If you have joined MUET on Coursera programme, any Coursera course completed up to September 2020 will be issued a certificate free of charge.

Are there paid components in Coursera programme?

Beside certificates, other Coursera course components may be hidden behind a paywall — for instance, graded assignments.

Coursera has partnered with various universities and organisations worldwide who may offer some programmes which are mostly paid (such as degree programmes).

Coursera courses providers generally offer two enrolment options:

- **Free Auditing** — which gives you access to videos, readings, and forums for free.
- **Paid Enrollment** — which gives you access to all the content, including paywalled elements such as the certificate of completion.

A small number of normal courses are pay-only too.

Note that online courses that involve paywalls are still often referred to as 'MOOCs' despite not being truly 'open' anymore.

Is financial aid available to take Coursera courses?

Coursera does allow you to apply for financial aid or scholarships:

- [How to request financial aid on Coursera](#)

If accepted, you may be able to earn a certificate for free or at a discounted rate.

Are there other restrictions on Coursera access?

Coursera restricts enrolment to people under the age of 13 years.

Learners under 18 years of age must have parental supervision.

Some Coursera courses may not be available in particular countries because of trade restrictions or government policies.

Can I contact the Coursera instructor?

Interaction between instructors and students is minimal or non-existent in Coursera courses. Many courses have mentors monitoring the course forums. Occasionally, instructors may contribute to the discussion.

Students are encouraged to help each other by answering questions. You may not be allowed to post quiz answers, but you may recommend helpful resources, so struggling students can work out the answer for themselves.

What to consider before taking a Coursera course?

Before starting any Coursera courses, it helps to understand just why you want to enrol.

Do you want to take a Coursera course to:

- Switch careers?
- Gain a promotion?
- Become better at your job?
- Improve your job prospects?
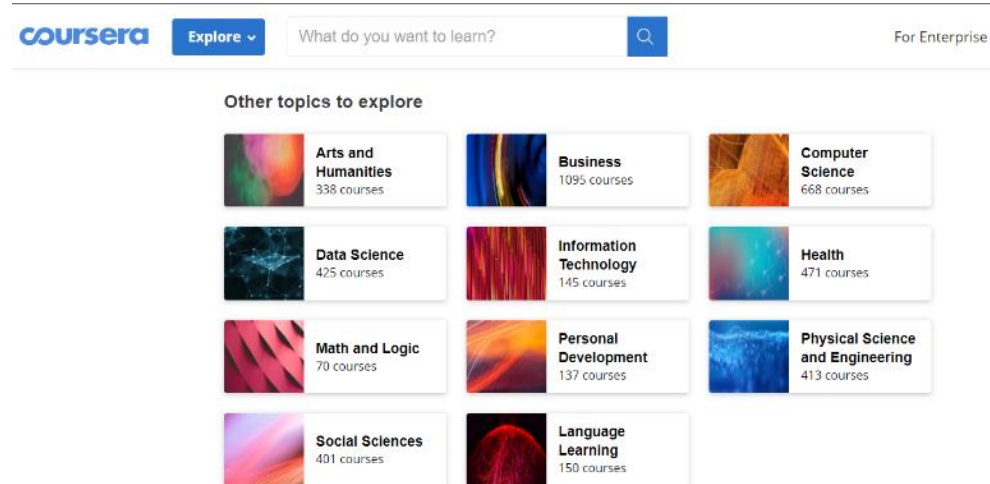- Or, simply for the pleasure of learning?

Other important considerations are:

- Do you want to take the full Coursera course or just part of it?
- How much time can you dedicate to the course weekly?
- Are you looking for an introductory, intermediate, or advanced course?

The Coursera course listing (link below) contains information to help you decide if the course matches your goals, such as potential prerequisites, course content, difficulty, and expected time commitment.

https://www.coursera.org/programs/mehran-university-of-engineering-tech-jamshoro-on-coursera-bvuwv?currentTab=CATALOG

Some topic areas are:

Can I earn academic credit through Coursera courses?

Generally Coursera courses allow you to earn academic credit from specific institutions. This usually requires paying for the certificate, completing the course(s), and then enrolling in a degree program at said institution.

With most of *MUET on Coursera* courses, certificates are FREE.

Note that credit earned through Coursera courses is not the same as traditional academic credit. Coursera course credit is only recognized by the institution listed on the course information page.

In rare cases, other institutions may accept Coursera course credit, but you must seek approval beforehand.

What are Specializations?

Specializations, also called micro credentials, are a series of related Coursera courses that allow you to gain a deeper understanding of a specific subject.

Some popular Specializations include:

- **Specializations** — such as Coursera's Deep Learning Specialization.
- **MicroMasters** — such as edX's Artificial Intelligence MicroMasters.
- **Nanodegrees** — such as Udacity's Self-Driving Car Engineer Nanodegree.

To earn a Specialization, you must pay for and earn a passing grade in each of its courses.

What is a Coursera-based degree?

Some universities offer full-fledged online degrees based on Coursera courses. These universities include Imperial College London, University of Michigan, University of London, HEC Paris, among others.

Note that although they leverage Coursera courses, these degree programs don't work on an open model: to join, you have to go through an admission process and pay a tuition fee (a lot less than the physical presence courses).

For details please visit: https://www.coursera.org/degrees